

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 12/05/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 26-42.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in reply to amendment filed on December 05, 2005. **Claims 1-25** have been cancelled. Independent **claims 26, 36** and dependent claims **34-35, 37** have been amended.
2. **New claims 39-42 have been** added. Thus, **claims 26-42 are pending and are examined.**

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. **Claims 26-42** are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

On November 18, 2005 Personal interview with applicant has been conducted. In particular claim 26 has been discussed. The amended independent claims 26 and 36 and the new claims independent 39-42 contain the features **of recording displayed approval text together with the document** that has been discussed on the interview. During the interview it has been agreed that this particular feature in combination with other limitation recited on the independent claims overcomes the prior art on the record namely Lemble.

Both the previous **independent claims 26 and 36** were amended. Applicant amended both the independent claims 26 and 36, and added the following limitation, **"recording the displayed approval text** for the approved document."

The amendment is verified and supported by the specification. It is for instance recited on page 5, paragraph 0014, last sentence on applicant's specification.

Applicant invention is about a method of approving a document by storing the document/patent application in a central storage system, the storage area preventing alternation or modification of the document during the approval process.

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- With respect to **the independent claims 26 and 36, all the limitation recited were disclosed by the reference on the record namely Lemble before the claims were amended. However as applicant persuasively argued, and as it has been agreed during the interview, the prior art on the record namely Lemble, does not disclose/teach the particular limitation “recording the displayed approval text for the approved document.”**

None of the prior art of record taken singularly or in combination teaches or suggests applicant's invention, which is a method of approving a document, with functional limitation recited above (added with amendment) with the combination of other limitation recited in respective independent claims.

For the reasons provided above, the independent claims **26 and 36**, are found to be novel and are allowed.

New independent **claims 39-42** also contain similar feature as that of claims 26 and 36 and is found to be novel for the same reason mentioned above.

5. **The dependent claims 27-35 and 37-38 which are dependent on the independent claims 26 and 36** being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samson B Lemma whose telephone number is 571-272-3806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 am --4: 30 pm).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BARRON JR GILBERTO can be reached on. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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